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## ***DRY EDIBLE BEAN YIELD INCREASED***

**SIOUX FALLS, December 11, 2007** – The 2007 South Dakota dry edible bean production decreased 4 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production for 2007 was estimated at 214,000 hundredweight (cwt.), while the 2006 production was 224,000 hundredweight. Harvested acres, at 12,200, were down 36 percent from 19,000 last year. Planted acres, at 12,500, were down 9,000 acres from 2006.

The large garbanzo class of dry beans was the most dominant for 2007, with planted acres totaling 5,500 acres, down 3,900 acres from last year. Navy bean acres, at 3,900 were down 3,600 acres; pinto acres, at 1,900, were down 500 acres; all other varieties totaled 1,200 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year.

The overall 2007 yield of 1,750 pounds per acre was up 570 pounds from last year. The increase in overall state yield was attributed to normal growing conditions in 2007, while the 2006 yield was affected by adverse weather conditions. Production by class and change from a year ago are as follows: Large Garbanzo – 45,000 cwt., down 38 percent; Navy – 91,000 cwt., up 18 percent; Pinto– 51,000 cwt., up 28 percent; all other classes – 27,000 cwt., down 21 percent.

*Access this complete report at:*

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